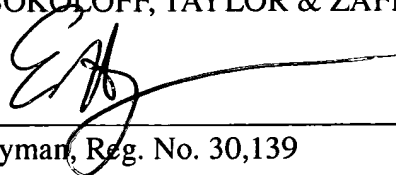


### **REMARKS**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely Claims 1-41 are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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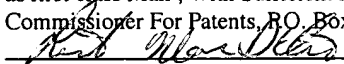
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